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Re: Acceptance of Notice of Intention to Commence Small Mining Operations, ML #26068 Project, S/027/065, Millard County, Utah

Dear Mr. Harris:

Thank you for your Notice of Intention to Commence Small Mining Operations, received by the Division on October 28, 1996. The application for the proposed ML 26068 Project, located in the E ½ of the SE ¼ of Section 2, T17S, R13W, SLBM, Millard County, Utah was considered deficient at the time it was received by this office because no map was included with the notice. The map was received for this project on February 21, 1997. This application can now be considered complete and no additional information is required by the Division at this time.

For your reference, I have enclosed copies of our summarized rules regarding "Operation and Reclamation Practices", and the statutory penalty for failure to reclaim a minesite (SMO-1). Please give special consideration to item #10 of the "Operation and Reclamation Practices. Stockpiling topsoil material prior to beginning your mining operation will help ensure successful revegetation efforts upon final reclamation of the minesite. If the area being mined is a solid rock outcrop, or if the land surface is very rocky, then soil stockpiling is probably not possible. However, even the first few inches of undeveloped material is worth saving to aid in later revegetation efforts, and future regulatory release from reclamation requirements.

Should you wish to expand your operation beyond the five (5) acre limitation, please notify this office as soon as possible to discuss the necessary permitting requirements.

A Memorandum of Understanding between this Division and the State Department of Environmental Quality (DEQ) requires us to notify them upon receipt of a mining application. If you haven't already done so, you are advised to contact their office prior to starting your small mining operation to determine whether additional permits and/or approvals are required. We will forward a copy of this letter and your notice to the DEQ for their review. Their address and phone number is: Department of Environmental Quality, 288 North 1460 West, Salt Lake City, Utah, 84116, (801) 538-6146.

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Approval of mineral exploration or mining operations by the Division of Oil, Gas and Mining does not constitute approval to commence operations upon lands under state mineral leases administered by the School and Institutional Trust Lands Administration/school sections. Before conducting mining operations on state leased lands, the operator must provide formal written notification, meet bonding requirements, and obtain written approval from the School and Institutional Trust Lands Administration. Please contact them for their requirements. Their address is: School and Institutional Trust Lands Administration, 675 East 500 South, Salt Lake City, Utah 84102; phone number (801) 538-5100.

Thank you for your cooperation. When in the area, a member of the Division staff will examine the site. Best wishes with your mining operation.

Sincerely,



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Enclosure
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